

CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A **regular meeting** of the *Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission* held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson, Alternate Tanner Steeves and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Also present: Nancy Howard and Sean Scott.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Michael Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2012 as printed. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Public Business:

Sean Scott, 22 Kelsey Hill Road: An application was received from Sean Scott for the purpose of construction of a new septic system within the 100 foot regulated area at 22 Kelsey Hill Road. Mr. Scott noted that the proposal has been approved by the Conn. River Area Health District. The septic system is proposed to be located in the flat area behind the house. The pond is located approximately 75 feet from the proposed septic location. The existing septic system in front of the house will be pumped and demolished. Mr. Scott indicated that there would be minimal disturbance in order to protect the existing grass. Silt fencing will be required. Mr. Scott noted that there is no addition proposed to the house. The only exterior work will be the siding. No work is proposed in a wetlands or watercourse. Commission members discussed handling the permit as an administrative permit. The topography of the area is level. Mr. Scott noted that there is no alternative location for the septic system. The house is proposed to be renovated with the creation of a one bedroom apartment. WEO Reyher noted he had no concerns regarding the proposal, which was brought to the commission because the activity is proposed within 100 feet of wetlands. Test holes have been done in the area. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Ron Larsen to refer the proposal to the WEO for issuance of an administrative approval. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Old Business: None

Enforcement: WEO was currently not present. Chairman noted that WEO is sending a notice of violation to Ronald Prisley for activity within the 100 ft. regulated area. Discussion will continue when the WEO returns to the meeting.

Report on Finances/Payment of Bills: Carol Libby reviewed the current financial report. Commission members discussed the current budget and asking for additional money for conservation. A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by George Atwood to ask the Board of Finance for a line item for conservation. Voted Unanimously. The funds would go towards pamphlets for Canfield Woods, kiosk and upkeep of Canfield Woods, and possibility of acquiring more land for conservation. A request to the Board of Finance will be drafted for creation of a line in the budget for conservation matters for the maintenance and upkeep of Canfield Woods. The following bill was received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 10 hours. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Carol Libby to approve payment of the bill as

submitted. (7-0) Voted Unanimously. An additional bill was received from the Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$27.72. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to approve payment of the bill. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Chairman Report: Chairman Mizejeski referenced an article published in the Hartford Courant by Peter Marteka entitled "Eery Cedar Swamp" which names the Chester Cedar Swamp as one of eight national natural landmarks in the state. The parcel of Cockaponset stretches into Deep River. WEO Reyher returned to the meeting at this time.

Enforcement (continued): WEO Reyher noted that he received a call from an abutting property owner reporting that Ronald Prisley was working in or near the wetlands with an excavator creating a stump pile. Mr. Reyher noted that he visited the site and observed that the stump pile is located approximately 20 feet from the wetlands. The stumps are from trees taken down on the property. The areas where the trees have been dug out have been smoothed out and leveled. A notice of violation will be sent, with a copy to the First Selectman and the DEP Wetlands Enforcement.

WEO Reyher noted that he has visited the Incarnation Camp site several times. No construction has taken place. The building permit was just issued. The bond has been posted with the Town. Mr. Leighton will be inspecting the site before any pouring takes place due to the proximity of the water. Mr. Reyher noted that pictures have been taken of the site.

Conservation: Chairman noted that the 110 year old pin oak tree located in the back circle of the Deep River Elementary School was just cut down. The 1902 Constitutional Pin Oak was on the list of Connecticut's notable trees. The Commission encourages the school to replant a pin oak in the same location and install a plaque. The Commission discussed sending a letter to the Scout Master to discuss eagle scout projects.

Tanner Steeves noted that he spoke with the Assessor regarding digitizing the town maps. The Assessor has indicated that the Board of Finance has turned down the request for the GIS system for the past 11 years. She noted that the Commission may write a letter in support of purchase of the software. Deep River is one of five towns in Connecticut that does not have the GIS system.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Ron Larsen to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. regarding committee personnel. The executive session ended at 9:08 p.m. No action was taken.

Other Business: WEO Reyher noted that all parties may soon be reaching an agreement for proceeding with work on the Cooke property at 215 Winthrop Road.

A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Howard
Recording Secretary